

BERLINER SEMINAR WINTER TERM 2010/11

Theme: [Transformations and Relations](#)

Venue: Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Villa Jaffé, Wallotstr. 10

Time: 17.00 – 19.00 h

Wednesday, October 20 | [Conversion, Assimilation, Ethnicity](#)

Tamer El-Leithy (New York University; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2010/11), *Converting Cultures in Medieval Cairo: Coptic Christianity, Islamization, and Ethnicity*

Moderation: **Gudrun Krämer** (Freie Universität Berlin; Member of Europe in the Middle East - The Middle East in Europe)

Wednesday, November 3 | [The Memory of the Mihna in a Haunted Time](#)

Nadia Nader (University of California, Santa Barbara; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2010/11), *Dogmatic Theology, Neo-Mu'tazilism and Islamic Legal Reform*

Moderation: **Islam Dayeh** (Freie Universität Berlin)

Wednesday, November 10 | [Nation, Gender and Morality](#)

Hanan Hammad (Texas Christian University; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2010/11), *Between National Purity and Local Flexibility: Prostitution in the First Half of 20th Century Egypt*

Moderation: **Kamran Ali** (University of Texas, Austin; Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin 2010/11)

Wednesday, November 24 | [Iconographic Choices](#)

Agnes Penot-Lejeune (Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne; CIERA, Affiliated Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2010/11), *Goupil & Cie and the Middle Eastern Art Market in the 19th Century*

Moderation: **Stefan Weber** (Museum für Islamische Kunst; Member of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe)

Wednesday, December 1 | ['Orientalism' in the Near East](#)

Fadi Bardawil (Columbia University; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2010/2011), *A Fractured Ground of Criticism? Levantine Polemics around Edward Said's Orientalism*

Moderation: **Elias Khoury** (Beirut; NYU; Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin 2010/11)

**Wednesday, December 15** | [Compensatory Discourses](#)

Maggie Awadallah (Imperial College London; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2010/2011), *Finding a Common Ground for an Alternative Secularity in Contemporary Egyptian Literature*

Moderation: **Dyala Hamzah** (Zentrum Moderner Orient)

Wednesday, January 12 | [Muslim Discourses on the 'Religious Other' in Ottoman Damascus](#)

Lejla Demiri (Cambridge; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2010/2011), *'Abd al-Ghani al-Nabulsi (d. 1731) and his Writings on Christianity*

Moderation: **Michael Marx** (Corpus Coranicum, BBAW)

Wednesday, January 26 | [Belief after Enlightenment](#)

Guriqbal S. Sahota (University of California, Santa Cruz; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2010/2011), *Iqbal and Goethe, or the Sturm und Drang of Late Colonial India*

Moderation: **Fadi Bardawil** (Columbia University; Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2010/2011)

Wednesday, February 9 | [Lonely Women in Ottoman Hospitals](#)

Gulhan Balsoy (Fellow of Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe 2010/2011), *Gender and the Politics of Female Body: Midwifery, Abortion and Pregnancy in Nineteenth Century Ottoman Society*

Moderation: **Nazan Maksudyan** (Alexander von Humboldt Fellow at the Zentrum Moderner Orient)

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